

**4BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

Minutes – Open Session November 15, 2019

Approved by the Board on January 17, 2020

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Rhonda Edwards, AAG Frances A. Cipriotti, Administrator
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Tawana Brown, Admin. Specialist
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT, Absent	Willie Harris, Metro MFT
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC	Rachael Faulkner, LCPCM
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Kim Lang, DMH
Sara Carlton, Consumer	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Danielle Vallone, Compliance Manager
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	Shelly-Ann Barnes, Investigator
Winnie Moore, LCPC, Absent	

9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee

9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.*

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of October 18, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III. Reports:
  - A. Chair:
    - i. Reminder to check Maryland.gov email daily and to contact Kim Link if there are any issues logging in to that account.
    - ii. There will be no meeting in December 2019.
  - B. Board Counsel – No report.
  - C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Link/Reese):
    - i. LCPC and AD Counselor regulations have been submitted to OGA and are awaiting the Secretary’s signature.
    - ii. DLS has confirmed that it will submit legislation regarding the extension of the Board’s termination date this legislative session.

iii. Board submitted the annual sexual misconduct report. The Board received 5 complaints alleging sexual misconduct for the report period.

D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Review of LGMFT application regarding coursework and examination requirements.

E. Discipline Review Committee (Galecki): The committee continues to meet monthly. Committee has designated one member to be “on call” each quarter to address emergency matters received by Board staff in order to ensure the protection of the public. Case resolution conference today at 12:30 pm will be attended by Ramaswamy, Galecki, and Drotleff.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): Committee will meet on January 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Board offices. Meeting are open to the public.

#### IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee has been established and will meet today at 1 pm.

B. Link met with Lt. Governor to discuss reciprocity issues and out of state applicants.

C. Online renewal portal is open and there have been no reports of any issues with the renewal process.

D. Maryland Law Assessment launched November 1, 2020.

E. The Office of Legislative Audits will be onsite and will work with board staff next week regarding prior audit findings.

F. Sunset evaluation follow up report is expected from the Department of Legislative Services in the next few weeks.

#### V. New Business (Link): None.

*Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 11:15 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary*